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EMBASSY PARIS PASS USCINCEUR THURSTON AND WEST  
SAW CHANCELLOR TONIGHT UPON HIS RETURN FROM MUNICH. HE WAS  
HOARSE FROM ORATORICAL EFFORTS IN BAVARIAN CAMPAIGN BUT  
OTHERWISE IN FINE HEALTH.

SAID HE CONSIDERED KHRUSHCHEV A GREAT ACTOR WHO LIKED TO CREATE  
SUSPENSE AND WHO MAY BE IN PROCESS OF ALTERING LINES OF ORIGINAL  
SCRIPT. WE MUST WAIT TO KNOW THE CONTENTS OF HIS PROPOSED  
NOTE BEFORE FORMULATING ANY DEFINITE POLICIES. MEANWHILE,  
THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS ARE FOR WESTERN STATESMEN TO PRESERVE  
THEIR CALM AND FOR AMERICAN TROOPS TO REMAIN IN BERLIN.

BERLIN HAS NEVER FORMED PART OF THE SOVIET (UNION) AND HIS LEGAL  
ADVISERS HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RELINQUISH-  
MENT, IF IT TAKES PLACE, BY THE SOVIETS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY  
IN THAT AREA. HE WILL SEND ME TOMORROW A COPY OF THEIR  
CONCLUSIONS.

HE DOES NOT THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL NOW TO SPECULATE ON  
HYPOTHESES CONNECTED WITH BERLIN SITUATION SINCE THE SCALE  
OF POSSIBILITIES IS SO VAST.

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CONSULTATIONS MUST TAKE PLACE.

REFERRING TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH SMIRNOV, HE SAID IT HAD BEEN UNPLEASANT AND UNPRODUCTIVE, ESPECIALLY SINCE AMBASSADOR WAS UNDER EVIDENT SURVEILLANCE OF MEMBER HIS STAFF WHO NOTED DOWN EVERY UTTERANCE BY SMIRNOV.

ADENAUER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY WITH GENERAL DE GAULLE WAS SUGGESTED BY THE LATTER.

HE SPOKE BRIEFLY ON HIS RECENT PERSONAL LETTERS TO MESSRS. DULLES, MACMILLAN AND DE GAULLE, ABOUT AN INTERVENTION IN MOSCOW, BUT FELT SUCH STEP MIGHT NOT BE PRACTICABLE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF TIME ELEMENT INVOLVED.

I TOLD HIM IN GENERAL TERMS OF OUR PROJECTED PLANS REGARDING SURFACE ACCESS TO BERLIN IN THE EVENT OF A TURN-OVER BY THE SOVIETS TO DDR OFFICIALS AT CHECKPOINTS. HE ANSWERED HE HAD NO PRESENT COMMENT TO MAKE ON THEM BUT MIGHT DO SO AFTER WE HAD EXAMINED KHRUSHCHEV'S PROPOSAL.

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